

CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Previously Presented) A communication terminal for communicating with a first communication terminal via telephone or electronic mail, the communication terminal comprising:

 a communication section receiving, from the first communication terminal, (i) personal information of the first communication terminal, the personal information of the first communication terminal including at least a telephone number of the first communication terminal or an electronic mail address of the first communication terminal, and (ii) a presentation attribute that indicates whether a presentation of the personal information of the first communication terminal to a second communication terminal is permitted;

 a personal information storage section storing the personal information of the first communication terminal and the presentation attribute acquired from the first communication terminal and received by the communication section;

 a personal information determination section determining, based on the presentation attribute, whether the presentation of the personal information of the first communication terminal stored in the personal information storage section to the second communication terminal is permitted; and

 a personal information presentation section presenting, to the second communication terminal via the communication section, only personal information of the first communication terminal that has been determined by the personal information determination section to be permitted to be presented to the second communication terminal, the personal information presented to the second communication terminal having been acquired from the first communication terminal.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented) The communication terminal according to claim 1,

wherein the communication section includes a display section operable to display the telephone number or the electronic mail address,

wherein the communication section places a telephone call or transmits an electronic mail to at least the first communication terminal,

wherein, when the presentation attribute acquired from the first communication terminal indicates that the presentation is permitted, the personal information determination section allows the display section of the communication terminal to display the telephone number or the electronic mail address when the communication section places the telephone call or transmits the electronic mail by using the telephone number or the electronic mail address included in the personal information of the first communication terminal stored in the personal information storage section, and

wherein, when the presentation attribute acquired from the first communication terminal indicates that the presentation is not permitted, the personal information determination section prevents the display section of the communication terminal from displaying the telephone number or the electronic mail address when the communication section places the telephone call or transmits the electronic mail by using the telephone number or the electronic mail address included in the personal information of the first communication terminal stored in the personal information storage section.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) The communication terminal according to claim 1,
wherein,

the personal information storage section stores a presentation attribute of own personal information that has been passed to the first communication terminal, and

when the personal information of the first communication terminal is displayed, the presentation attribute of the own personal information that has been passed to the first communication terminal is displayed together with the personal information of the first communication terminal.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) The communication terminal according to claim 3, wherein,

the own personal information includes an expiration time of the own personal information, and

the communication terminal further comprises a personal information update section that (i) checks whether the expiration time of the own personal information that has been passed to the first communication terminal has expired, and (ii) notifies a user of the communication terminal that the expiration time of the own personal information that has been passed to the first communication terminal has expired.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented) The communication terminal according to claim 1, wherein,

the personal information acquired from the first communication terminal includes an expiration time of the personal information of the first communication terminal, and

the communication terminal further comprises a personal information update section placing restrictions on placing a telephone call or transmitting an electronic mail by using the

personal information of the first communication terminal acquired from the first communication terminal if the expiration time of the personal information has expired.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented) The communication terminal according to claim 5, wherein the personal information update section notifies a user of the communication terminal that the expiration time of the personal information of the first communication terminal acquired from the first communication terminal has expired and resulted in restrictions being placed on the personal information of the first communication terminal.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) The communication terminal according to claim 5, wherein the personal information update section deletes, from the personal information storage section, personal information of the first communication terminal having an expired expiration time.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented) The communication terminal according to claim 1, wherein the communication section transmits or receives the personal information of the first communication terminal and the presentation attribute by utilizing short-distance radio communication, without employing a radio communication network through which a telephone conversation is carried out or an electronic mail is transmitted or received.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The communication terminal according to claim 1, wherein the communication section transmits or receives the personal information of the first communication terminal and the presentation attribute by utilizing a radio communication

network through which a telephone conversation is carried out or an electronic mail is transmitted or received.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) A method for placing restrictions on a disclosure of information employed by a communication terminal which communicates with a first communication terminal via telephone or electronic mail, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving, from the first communication terminal, (i) personal information of the first communication terminal, the personal information of the first communication terminal including at least a telephone number of the first communication terminal or an electronic mail address of the first communication terminal, and (ii) a presentation attribute that indicates whether a presentation of the personal information of the first communication terminal to a second communication terminal is permitted;

storing the received personal information of the first communication terminal and the presentation attribute acquired from the first communication terminal;

determining, based on the presentation attribute, whether the presentation of the stored personal information of the first communication terminal to the second communication terminal is permitted; and

presenting, to the second communication terminal, only personal information of the first communication terminal that has been determined in the determining step to be permitted to be presented to the second communication terminal.

Claim 11 (Cancelled)

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) A computer-readable recording medium having recorded thereon a program to be executed by a communication terminal that communicates with a first communication terminal via telephone or electronic mail, the program causing a computer to execute a method comprising:

receiving, from the first communication terminal, (i) personal information of the first communication terminal, the personal information of the first communication terminal including at least a telephone number of the first communication terminal or an electronic mail address of the first communication terminal, and (ii) a presentation attribute that indicates whether a presentation of the personal information of the first communication terminal to a second communication terminal is permitted;

storing the received personal information of the first communication terminal and the presentation attribute acquired from the first communication terminal;

determining, based on the presentation attribute, whether the presentation of the stored personal information of the first communication terminal to the second communication terminal is permitted; and

presenting, to the second communication terminal, only personal information of the first communication terminal that has been determined in the determining step to be permitted to be presented to the second communication terminal.